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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: R.B. Abelson  
MITSUO NIIDA ET AL. )  
: Group Art Unit: 2666  
Application No.: 09/288,038 )  
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Filed: April 8, 1999 )  
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For: DATA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, )  
DATA COMMUNICATION METHOD :  
AND DATA COMMUNICATION )  
APPARATUS : February 28, 2005

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Request For Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith. Preliminary to continued examination, please further amend the above-identified application in the following manner. The amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing beginning at page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 13.

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